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bills. There are about three or four of those. I would announce to you at this point I've not made a decision as to whether we'll be able to find time on the agenda today to do those or whether we will not. If it is a have to situation, you need to make your case, otherwise, I don't know where we'll find time to do those. Senator Brashear, to open.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, thank you. The purpose for which I seek the return of LB 364 is not to provide a specific amendment with regard to banking which was the original subject of this bill, but rather to adopt what...to discuss and hopefully adopt what has been debated, talked about, conferred about, and negotiated with regard to prison and incarceration policies. You have before you again another copy on your desk of the chart entitled "Legislation and Prison Population." You saw this chart earlier on the floor during the course of debate on LB 150. Given rules with regard to germaneness and other procedural considerations, we said at the time that the amendments suggested at LB 150 would be withdrawn and we would be providing the body and the members of the body an opportunity to discuss these policies and we did withdraw them. And now we have consolidated into AM2653 the modifications and refinements of the policies with regard to minimum-maximum as adopted by 529 in 1993 and the imposition of positive time under LB 371 in 1995. AM2653 makes modifications which I am going to walk you through. I'd ask you to keep the "Legislation and Prison Population" chart before you because that is the best visual illustration of what positive time the minimum-maximum or LB 529 and other policies have done to us in terms of our prison population. I would ask you to turn first to a chart that has been distributed that is entitled "Felony Classes Impacted by LB 529." I would especially ask you to look at the legend and note that there are four classes of felonies composing the total group of 1,178 inmates who have been impacted by LB 529. And we are not discussing Class IB felons, Class II felonies, or Class III felonies. And the percentage of the whole illustrated by those categories is shown on the chart "Felony Classes Impacted by LB 529." But I think visually you can see that we are talking about...when we talk about the impact of LB 529 we're talking about 85 percent or 988 of the 1,178 people who have been impacted. That's the purpose of that illustration because we all know that it's not always popular to